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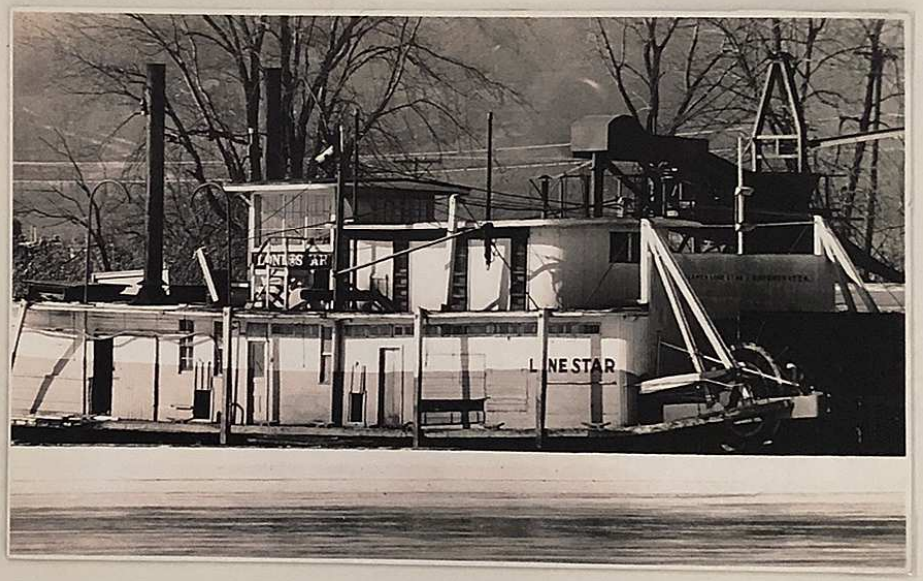
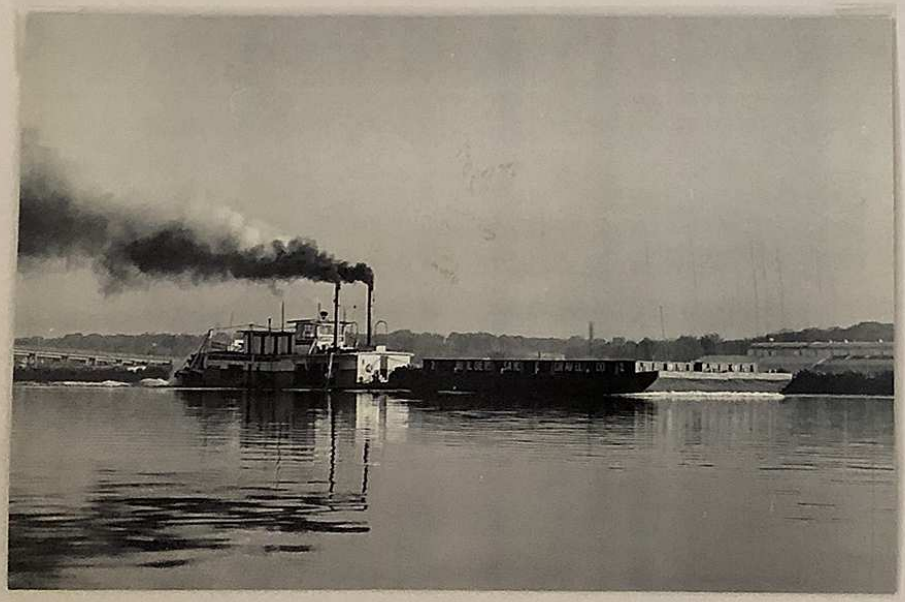


RIGHT: The LONE STAR in winter quarters, Davenport harbor, near Credit Island, 1965.



LEFT: The LONE STAR above the I-74 bridge heading to sand pit, Circa 1965.